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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

U.S. Patent No. 4,655,594, also cited in the Search Report, was already submitted for consideration by the Examiner on August 27, 2003.

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